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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF FAA/SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

1. THE FAA PRESENTLY HAS A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
(MOA) WITH SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES CORP. IN WHICH IT
PROVIDES CERTAIN AIRMEN CERTIFICATION SERVICES (I.E.,
CONDUCTING TESTS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO FAA PILOTS' LICENSES
OR RATINGS).

2. DUE TO BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, MANPOWER LIMITATIONS
AND STATUTORY CONCERNS REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF
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CHARGES FOR THIS SERVICE, THE FAA HAS ELECTED TO TERMINATE
THIS AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT TERMINATION PROVISIONS. THE FAA ALSO POINTS
OUT THAT THIS MOA TERMINATION IS NOT AIMED AT ANY
PARTICULAR AIRLINE NOR IS IT IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH
BILATERAL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS, FOR ALL SIMILAR MOAS
WITH OTHER AIRLINES ARE ALSO BEING TERMINATED.

3. THE FAA IS MAILING A LETTER TO SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES INFORMING THEM OF ITS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1977. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

"REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION/ SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES CORP. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT NUMBERED NAT-I-159, UNDER WHICH FAA PROVIDES CERTIFICATION SERVICES ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS.

FAA HAS RECENTLY DETERMINED THAT CERTAIN CERTIFICATION SERVICES, UNDER CURRENT POLICIES, MAY BE PROVIDED WITHOUT CHARGE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FAA PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES. THEREFORE, THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAA AND SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES COVERING THOSE SERVICES IS NO LONGER NECESSARY.

BECAUSE OF THIS DETERMINATION, WE ARE ELECTING TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT NAT-I-159. ARTICLE III OF THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR TERMINATION BY EITHER PARTY UPON THIRTY-DAY WRITTEN NOTICE.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS LETTER AS FAA'S NOTICE OF TERMINATION, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1977.

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HEADQUARTERS OFFICE IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, AND WE SUGGEST THEY BE CONSULTED REGARDING FUTURE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS."

4. FYI. BECAUSE OF MANPOWER LIMITATIONS IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE FAA WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FREE CERTIFICATION SERVICES OVERSEAS EXCEPT WHEN SUCH SERVICES ARE IN SUPPORT OF U.S.-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, AS FAA HAS NO RESTRICTION AT PRESENT ON CERTIFICATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN THE US, ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES SEEKING FAA AIRMEN'S CERTIFICATES CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCOMPLISH REQUIRED WRITTEN AND/OR PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS AT AN FAA OFFICE IN THE U.S. END FYI.

5. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO ADVISE APPROPRIATE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES OF FAA'S IMPENDING MOA TERMINATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE AIRMEN CERTIFICATION SERVICES. IN EVENT ANY INQUIRY ARISES REGARDING THIS MATTER THAT THE EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO ANSWER BY DRAWING ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS CABLE, EMBASSY SHOULD FORWARD THE INQUIRY TO THE FAA THROUGH STATE CHANNELS FOR REPLY. VANCE

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